REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, Claims 4, 6, 7, 8 and 9 are amended to delete multiple dependency in accordance with U.S. Practice. Also, an Abstract has been added to reflect the Abstract of the corresponding International Application. A clean copy of the Abstract is also attached hereto on a separate piece of paper.

No new matter is contained in the amendments.

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ABSTRACT

An electromagnetic frictionally engaged clutch for arranging inside a drive train connecting a drive motor and a vehicle door or flap. The arrangement ensures that the vehicle door is securely held in each intermediate position, when the clutch is in an idle state, while maintaining the possibility of a manual emergency actuation of the vehicle door. The rotor includes at least one permanent magnet in addition to the electric coil, such that when a current does not pass through the coil, the armature disk is pressed against the friction lining of the rotor, with a force which is strong enough for the vehicle door or vehicle flap to securely remain in position occupied when the clutch is an idle state, and for the friction engagement between the armature disk and the friction lining to be overcome when the vehicle door or vehicle flap is subsequently manually actuated.